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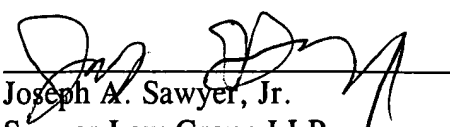
Sir:

In the Final Office Action dated August 19 2003, and the Advisory Action issued November 4, 2003, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-8, 10-20. In response, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board the decision of the Primary Examiner. An Appellant's Brief will be filed in triplicate within two months of the date of this Notice.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of **\$330.00** to Deposit Account No. 50-0563 (IBM Corporation) for payment of Notice of Appeal filing fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(b).

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